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Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know whether any appeal is allowed in this case ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— "I do not think so."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know if the Government have no powers to exercise their discretion in the matter of the powers vested in the Superintendent in these matters ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The Superintendent has the power of appointment and Government have no reason to doubt that he has misused it."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" May I know whether the Superintendent had in his mind any of the communal Government Orders in promoting this man over the head of the other man ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— "I do not know what exactly he had in his mind."

Alleged petition to Government against the Publication Assistant, Government Press.

* 758-B Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether a petition containing the undoings and undue influence of the Publication Assistant was presented to the Superintendent by Mr. Davis, late Deputy Superintendent, Government Press, in the year 1925 ;

(b) whether the said Mr. Davis asked the Superintendent to hold an enquiry into the allegations made in the petition, and whether the Superintendent refused ; and

(c) whether the services of Mr. Davis were terminated through the evil and undue influence of the Publication Assistant and whether Mr. Davis addressed Government to that effect, enclosing a copy of the said petition ; if so, what action was taken on the said petition and on the petition of Mr. Davis to Government ?

A.—(a) Mr. Davis presented to the Superintendent an anonymous document in which allegations were made against the Publication Assistant.

(b) Yes.

(c) After Mr. Davis' employment had been terminated, he memorialized Government making allegations against the Publication Assistant and enclosing the anonymous document. The anonymous document was ignored by Government and Mr. Davis' memorial was dismissed.

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" In answer to clause (c) it is said that the memorial making allegations against the Publication Assistant was simply dismissed. Has the Government taken any action on that memorial or merely rejected it ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " The memorial of Mr. Davis was considered and Government thought that there was no necessity to renew the agreement again."

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Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member whether it is not a fact that there is a general grievance against this Publication Assistant in the Press and whether it has not been brought to the notice of the Government and what action have they taken so far ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— "I do not know, Sir, whether there is any general impression against him or not."

Alleged receipt of salary from the Government Press Co-operative Society by one Ramanujachari.

*758-C Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the present cash-keeper, one Ramanujachari, a life member of the Government Press Party, is receiving a monthly salary of Rs. 30 from the Government Press Employees' Co-operative Society of which the Publication Assistant is the President, without proper sanction being obtained from Government, and if so, why ?

A.—The cash-keeper T. A. Ramanujachari is not receiving Rs. 30 per mensem from the Government Press Employees' Co-operative Society without proper sanction.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" About this Ramanujachari drawing Rs. 30 from the Government Press Party, I should like to know whether he applied to the Government for sanction and whether the Government permitted him to draw it ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Yes. He was permitted."

Appointment of P. Kannayya as foreman of the Telugu section of the Government Press.

*758-D Q.—Dr. B S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether one P. Kannayya, a prominent member of the Government Press Party, has been appointed as foreman of the Telugu section of the Government Press on the recommendation of the Publication Assistant, overlooking the claims of qualified employees ; and

(b) whether one A. Kannayya, the foreman of the Vernacular department, has been doing the work of the said P. Kannayya, such as maintaining registers, distribution of copies, giving instructions to compositors, etc., as the latter can neither read nor write English ?

A.—(a) & (b) Government have no information.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" The answer says that the Government have no information. I should like to know why ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " These are all petty appointments which rest in the hands of the Superintendent, Government Press."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Is it impossible to get the information when a Member of this House wants it, Sir ? "